

DEATH BLOW GIVEN TO SALEM CHARTER

The House of Delegates Vote to Indefinitely Postpone the Bill--
Vote Was 48 to 22 for Postponement, or More Than 2 to 1.

Dispensary Bill Recommitted After Hot Debate
--Resolutions Passed Praising Senator
Elkins for His Anti-Trust Bill.

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 17.—Whiskey was the great question before both houses yesterday. In the Senate the debate of Senator Kidd and the prohibition bill was recommitted to the judiciary and finance committees after an interesting debate by Senators Cornwell and Harner against recommitment and Senators Robinson, Horan and Caldwell for recommitment. The bill was re-committed. Mr. Elkins scored a hit when he said that the bill is to be reported back today. Senator Cook's prohibition bill provoked a similar debate on the same lines and was recommitted to the judiciary committee.

The fight in the House was over the Salem charter bill, which proposes to incorporate Salem and give it the power to grant licenses to sell liquor. A long and somewhat heated debate followed, in which Mr. Gregory, of Tyler, and Mr. Cunningham, of Tucker, spoke for the bill and Mr. Carlin, of Braxton, and Mr. Elkins, of Fayette, against it. Mr. Elkins scored a hit when he said that he had never seen a licensed saloon that did not become a speakeasy on Sundays and election days, and replied to Mr. Tucker's appeal to the Republican side that if the bill were defeated Harrison county would go Democratic by the vote of the majority of the county, and if that caused Harrison county to go Democratic, "let it go." The bill was indefinitely postponed by a vote of 48 to 22.

The Senate passed the bill redistricting the judicial circuits and the House received it and read it at once and advanced it to a second reading.

One of the most important bills that passed the House was House bill No. 162, prohibiting fraudulent advertising, deception or other misrepresentation in getting men to work, and is a bill of special interest to the United States Workers in case of a strike, making it more difficult to import workmen. The bill passed by a vote of 66 to 2.

A long fight followed over the bill to centralize and consolidate schools and provide for the transportation of pupils, resulting in a bill being re-committed. The Senate adopted a joint House resolution empowering the governor to appoint his daughter, Miss Catherine White, to christen the cruiser West Virginia.

The House rejected a resolution offered by Mr. Stanley to the effect of Mr. Marion, Wetzel and Monongalia counties in order that the contention as to their area might forever stay at rest. Soon after Mr. Swisher reported from the Senate the passage of a similar resolution introduced by him in that body.

The House held a night session, advancing several bills on second reading.

The House of Delegates communicated to the Senate that it had adopted House joint resolution No. 37, authorizing the appointment of an agent or agents to collect moneys due to the State from the government of the United States, and asked the Senate to concur therein.

The House also concurred in the amendment proposed by the Senate to House bill No. 191, relating to the license tax of corporations and joint stock companies, and has again passed said bill to take effect from its passage, and has also amended and passed an amended Senate bill No. 37, relating to service of process, and asks the Senate to concur in said amendment. The House has also passed Senate bill No. 1, creating an anatomical board for the promotion of medical science, and Senate bill No. 39, relating to fiduciaries.

Mr. Swisher submitted House joint resolution No. 10, providing for a survey of the counties of Marion, Monongalia and Wetzel, which, by his motion, the rules being suspended, was taken up for consideration and adopted.

Mr. Cole submitted Senate joint resolution to appoint Miss Katherine V. White to christen the cruiser "West Virginia," which was adopted under suspension of the rules.

Mr. Shawkey introduced the following resolution, which was adopted: "Resolved, That we commend the statesmanship and wisdom of the senior Senator of West Virginia and that a majority of the members of this House tender to Senator Stephen B. Elkins their sincere congratulations on the successful enactment of his anti-rebate bill and that the clerk of this House is here-

by directed to forward to him a copy of these resolutions.

CHURCH PEOPLE

DO NOT MIND THE BLIZZARD, BUT
TURN OUT WELL AT RE-
VIVAL MEETINGS.

Woman's Meeting at Goff Chapel Will Be
Addressed by Ohio Lady.

Although the blizzard raged in all its fury last night it did not deter a goodly company from gathering at Goff M. E. church to take part in the revival meetings which are now in progress in that church. Mr. E. A. Yost led a very helpful men's meeting at 7 o'clock. The congregation joined heartily in the song service and listened with deep interest to the sermon. In the afternoon meeting one expressed a desire to lead the Christian life and asked for the prayers of the church.

The woman's meeting was held at 3 o'clock and at 7 o'clock the men's meeting will be in charge of Mr. Yost, the subject for the sermon tonight is "Made Whole By Faith."

Tomorrow (Wednesday) Mrs. Carrie Burge of Delaware, O., is expected to arrive in our city. She will address the women's meeting Wednesday afternoon, also Thursday afternoon. The members of the King's Daughters Circle and the Bonifield Guild are especially requested to be present on Wednesday afternoon, while the members of the Ladies Aid society are urged to be present Thursday afternoon. It is expected that Miss Burge will speak at one or both of the evening meetings—Wednesday and Thursday. This gifted lady visited the last session of the W. Va. M. E. conference at New Martinsville and made some stirring addresses, which were highly spoken of by all the preachers. She is a speaker of much ability. Do not fail to hear her. All are invited to these special meetings.

OIL NEWS

STRAY SAND PRODUCER IN ONE
HUNDRED AND FIFTY-BAR-
RELS A DAY.

Some Other Splendid Wells Drilled In,
in the Folsom District.

In the Folsom district, Harrison county, the Delmar Oil Company has drilled its No. 2 on the J. R. Talkington farm into the stray sand and has a 150-barrel producer. The location of this well is 1,200 feet in advance of the same company's No. 1 on this farm, which started at 275 barrels a day when drilled in three months ago, and is still producing close to 100 barrels a day.

In the Pine Grove district the South Penn Oil Company has shot its No. 1 on the John McElroy farm and increased its production to 120 barrels a day.

In the Fairview district, Marion county, the South Penn has completed its No. 3 on the M. E. Brookover farm in the Big Injun sand and has a producer good for 65 barrels a day.

In the Stout district Doddridge county, the Carter Oil Company has completed its No. 3 on the Law farm and has a very small pump in the Gantz sand.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Will Be Appropriately Observed by the
City Schools Friday and Monday.

The city schools will observe Washington's birthday. The exercises in the Central school building will be held Friday and Monday. Friday's exercises will be held in assembly hall at 9 o'clock in the morning and will consist of an appropriate program. On Monday exercises, consisting of historical recitals, will be held in the various rooms. Lincoln's birthday was appropriately observed by the schools.

PETITIONS

ARE BEING EXTENSIVELY SIGNED
AGAINST PIPING GAS OUT
OF THE STATE.

Legislature Will Be Asked to Pass Sen-
ator Cole's Bill on the Subject.

It is gratifying to know that the citizens of this section of the state are aroused to the importance of keeping the natural gas at home and are taking measures to impress the Legislature with the urgent necessity of legislation on the subject, which will prohibit the piping of gas from this state into other states. The following petitions sent out from here are being circulated all over the state and extensively signed, and will be presented to the Legislature in a few days:

"To the West Virginia Legislature.
The undersigned, citizens of the State of West Virginia, respectfully and urgently petition and request the enactment of a law to protect the natural resources of the said state and especially as to natural gas and in some manner to tax the right to convey by artificial means natural gas beyond the limits of the said state and believing that the bill introduced by Senator George C. Cole upon that subject, being Senate bill No. 4, will accomplish that purpose we urgently request and petition the passage of that bill, provided the judiciary committee of the Senate and House shall deem it constitutional, otherwise we petition the passage of some other bill having the same effect and that may not be in conflict with the Federal and State constitutions.
"And thus we will ever pray."

SNOW BOUND

WEKE THE STREET CARS ALL THE
MORNING—HEAVY DRIFTS
ALONG THE LINE.

Snow Plow Failed to Do Successful or
Satisfactory Work.

The snow storm Monday night tied up the street cars at an early hour. At 10 o'clock that night one car was hung up at Goff chapel, another on East Pike street and still another on the bridge at Shuttlesworth's store. They were delayed a couple of hours or more next morning in getting out from the barn and up town. In many places the snow was drifted on the track several inches deep.

The three Adamston cars were hitched together this morning and attempted to make its way to the hill on Main street just beyond the Southern Pine Lumber Company. The snow proved too deep and the hill too steep and for a while it looked like the line would be stuck up indefinitely. After eight or nine attempts the train finally succeeded in climbing the grade.

On the return trip the trailing snow plow was attached to the train. It proved to be worse than no plow at all, for it would run to one side of the track and throw the snow over the rails worse than it was before the cars tried to run.

At Adamston several car loads of passengers, anxious to get up town to their day's work were delayed an hour or so, on account of the plow. The regular street car plow should have been attached to a car on yesterday evening during the beginning of the snow, and all this morning's inconveniences would not have been experienced.

RETURN DATE

OF THE "TURKISH TEXAN" COM-
PANY SECURED LATER THAN
FIRST ANNOUNCED.

Was Booked for Appearance at Grand
Opera House This Evening—Will
Appear March 20.

The return date of "A Turkish Texan," which was announced for appearance today, February 17, at the Grand opera house, was cancelled a short time ago by the management of the company, and this excellent play will not hold the boards here until March 20. When the show played here earlier in the season, the large audience that witnessed the performance was so well pleased with the entertainment that several urged Manager Farland to try and secure a return date. Mr. Farland did so and the date was announced for the 17th of February—today, but owing to a change in the bookings, the company was compelled to secure a later date. Thomas Jefferson, in "Rip Van Winkle," is the attraction at the opera house this evening.

BIG WATER PIPES.

A lot of pipe for a two-foot water main the West Virginia Fair Association will have put in arrived this morning from the manufacturing and was hauled out today by C. Q. Stone with his several teams. It is the intention to have a plentiful supply of water on the grounds for stock.

POST OFFICE DISCONTINUED.

The post office at Zyrpho, this county, has been discontinued by order of the post office department at Washington, and mail for that place should be addressed to Clarksburg, rural free delivery.

BIDDLE BROTHERS

SHOW IS UP AGAINST THE REAL
THING AGAIN AND MAY NOT
BE ALLOWED TO PRE-
SENT THE PLAY.

CHURCH PEOPLE AND CLERGYMEN
IMITATE EXAMPLE OF CLARKSBURG CITY COUNCIL.

Court Will Be Asked to Issue Injunction
Against the Play.

Washington, Pa., Feb. 17.—The clergymen and church people of Washington are making a strenuous effort to have stopped the production of a play entitled "A Break for Liberty," advertised to appear in a local theater on Wednesday night. The play is one depicting the escape and death of the Biddle boys of Pittsburgh and is the same show which was stopped at McDonald, this county, recently, then known as "A Desperate Chance." The movement against the play was started by the local W. C. T. U. and taken up this morning by the ministerial association. This evening a committee of clergymen called upon Judge Burgess and demanded of him that he stop the presentation of the play. Burgess has declined to take action, but the court will be asked to grant an injunction restraining the company from appearing.

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BANK

WILL BUILD
IN THE TOWN OF MINERAL, THIS
COUNTY, RUMOR HAS IT.

Much Excitement in Neighborhood Over
Local Coal Territory and Options.

Mineral, W. Va., Feb. 17.—(Special).—The coal excitement is at white heat in this vicinity, options being taken from \$50 to \$125 per acre. This is one of the best points for coal mining to be found, all that is lacking is a railroad, and that is coming.

A protracted meeting has been in progress at Green Hill M. P. church for the past ten days.

Mrs. B. K. Holden has been quite ill but is improving.

Miss Mary Davis is visiting her brother and sister at Weston.

The Southern Oil Company has a fishing job on hand at the Rightmire farm. Our village is going to have some improvements, the foundations already having been laid. It is not generally known just what it will be used for, presumably a bank, as some of the stockholders in the United Telephone system or the Beeghly Telephone Company as it is now called, have been heard to say that they made more money in the last year in the telephone business than they ever made on a farm.

Mr. Lloyd Talbot is preparing to build a new house.

Rev. H. F. Hughes will move to Buckhannon about the first of April.

Mr. Calvin Highland lost some of his outbuilding by fire on Saturday of last week.

Uncle Joe Bailey sold his fine team of horses last week. Don't know what Uncle Joe will do now that old Frank is gone.

"DICK" CRISS ACQUITTED

Of the Charge of Attempt to Commit
Rape on Minnie Modispaugh

"Dick" Criss was tried this morning in Squire Gordon's court on the charge of having attempted to commit rape on Minnie Modispaugh last Friday night as she and her sisters were going home from church. The trial was quite sensational. The evidence for the prosecution was of a shady character and not sufficient to fix such a crime upon him. The magistrate dismissed the warrant against him and he was released from custody.

PENSIONS GRANTED

WEST VIRGINIA VETERANS OF
CIVIL WAR ARE LOOKED AF-
TER BY UNCLE SAM AT
WASHINGTON.

Batch of Postmasters Appointed in This
State.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—The following West Virginia postmasters have been commissioned: David E. Garrell, Pleasant View; Gilbert B. Scott, Monroe; James G. West, Nabe, Calhoun county; site changed; Hugh B. Workman, Lavalette; Jacob R. H. Straley, Millard.

A commission has also been issued to William F. Squires, Parsons, W. Va., a presidential office.

Pensions have been granted to West Virginia applicants as follows: Original—William A. Bennett, Hinton (war with Spain), \$9; John W. Williams, Charleston (war with Spain), \$30. Increase, Re-issue, etc.—James W. Palmer, Peterstown, \$12; Ephraim Ratcliffe, Shoals, \$12.

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HUNTER LOST IN MOUNTAIN FASTNESS

MURDERER ESCAPES

"BUCKSKIN BILL," COLORED, HEADS
THIS WAY AFTER KILLING
MAN IN CINCINNATI.

Acting Superintendent of Police James
Casey Sends Description Here

The city police department has been notified by James Casey, acting superintendent of the police of Cincinnati, Ohio, to be on the lookout for "Buckskin Bill," a colored man who cut Gus Nickens in that city February 11, inflicting injuries from which he died two days later. Mr. Casey sends this description: "He is 26 years old; weighs 175 pounds; 5 ft. 6 in. tall; has a smooth face, prominent cheek bones and mole on left upper lip; is raw-boned; wears blue overalls, jumper and black cap." The murderer is a native of Chattanooga, Tenn. He is a river roustabout. After the murder he started toward West Virginia, and it is believed he is in this section. The local police will make an effort to locate him.

CHURCH DEDICATION

Will Occur at Jarvisville Sunday, March
8, Coming.

The Methodist Episcopal church at Jarvisville will be dedicated Sunday, March 8. The pastor, Rev. G. W. White, requests the Telegram to extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend the dedicatory services. The church building has just been finished and is a handsome edifice.

BRISTOL BLACKSMITH

GOES INTO BUSINESS ON AN EX-
TENSIVE SCALE IN SALEM
WITH HIS SONS.

Mr. Newlon Purchases a Wagon Estab-
lishment of A. J. Hopkins in
That Town.

Some time since this paper made mention of the blacksmithing and horse-shoeing establishment of Mr. Newlon, says the Salem Leader. It was then understood that Mr. Newlon intended to locate in Salem in the early spring. This week we learn that he has purchased the blacksmithing and wagon-making establishment of A. J. Hopkins, thereby acquiring one of the largest and best equipped shops in the county, containing the latest and best machinery, engine, power drill, band saw, etc.

Two sons of Mr. Newlon, who have been connected with the business in Bristol, are associated with him in the new enterprise. The elder son will have charge of the business at Bristol for some time yet. The firm has the largest stock of horse shoes and materials in Harrison county, and have an established reputation for horse-shoeing and repair work. They will continue and enlarge the wagon and carriage business of Mr. Hopkins, and the enterprise bids fair to become one of the prominent industries of the town.

BASE BALL SEASON

Will Break All Records, Says Manager
Smith of Home Team.

Manager Smith of the Clarksburg baseball team was in this city yesterday on business, says the Charleston Gazette. In speaking of baseball in general, Mr. Smith said: "The coming season is going to break all records. The way of baseball and the prosperity of the great national game will be untold."

"Let me tell you something, Charleston may have had things their own way last season, but things are different now and Clarksburg will take your team down the line in a manner beautiful to behold."

LECTURE ON AFRICA

Will Be Given in Central Presbyterian
Church by Rev. Boppell.

Rev. C. J. Poppell, formerly of Gaboon, French Africa, will lecture in the Central Presbyterian church here the night of February 26 on "Africa Near the Future." He will talk of the Mongrove tribe, the Greeks of Africa, and the cannibal people. The lecture will be illustrated by a number of engravings and specimens brought from Africa. The lecture will be free, but a free offering will be taken.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR INSPECTION

Will Be Held by the Grand Commander
March 11.

Clarksburg Commandery, No. 12, Knights Templar, held a regular meeting last night in its vestry. The business matters occupied the attention of those present. Grand Commander James A. Bryan, of Parkersburg, will inspect the Commandery at its asylum the night of March 11.

MR. SUTTER WENT ON A HUNTING
TRIP AND FAILS TO RE-
TURN HOME.

MOUNTAINS ARE BEING SEARCHED
FOR HIM IN VAIN—ODD FEL-
LWS OFFER REWARD
FOR HIS RECOVERY.

May Have Died of Exhaustion or Be-
Come Insane.—Neighborhood
Greatly Aroused Over His
Absence.

Elkins, W. Va., Feb. 17.—Somewhere in the mountain fastnesses around Elk Garden, a small mining town on the West Virginia Central railroad, a man by the name of E. G. Sutter is wanted, around in a dazed condition. It was noticed that he has been acting queer for some time, but as he was an eccentric man no attention was paid to it. A few days ago he dressed himself in his hunting suit and, taking his shotgun, remarked that he was going hunting. He did not return at evening. But when morning dawned and he had not appeared the alarm was given and hunt of Elk Garden turned out to look for the missing man, and a systematic search was instituted. Every part of that part of the Allegheny mountain was gone over, but without success. It is supposed that he has become temporarily insane and while in that condition has either lain down in some hollow or crevice and died from exhaustion or crawled into one of the numerous caves in that vicinity. He was a member of the Old Fellows and the lodge has offered a reward for information leading to the recovery of his body, either dead or alive.

ORDINATION

Of Rev. Dowell Will Occur on the Oc-
casion of Bishop's Return Visit.

On the return of Bishop Gravatt to the Episcopal parish here, Rev. C. A. Dowell, who has been studying and taking examinations to enter the ministry, will be ordained by him. The date of the Bishop's return visit has been fixed for March 15. On this occasion, the candidates for confirmation who were unable to be present at the confirmation services last Sunday, will be confirmed.

RAGING TORRENT

IS THE UPPER MONONGALIA RIVER
ON ACCOUNT OF RAINS.

Much Damage Done in the Neighborhood
of Morgantown by High Waters.

Morgantown, W. Va., Feb. 17.—The rain storm which began here Saturday night and ended yesterday in snow was the worst which has visited this section for years. As a result all streams are out of their banks, and thousands of dollars worth of damage has been done already. The worst damage is to industries along Decker's creek, particularly the saw mills. Twenty-five houses of the West Virginia Coal & Coke Company are in danger of washing away, and one party is taking care of the people who live in them. Much damage has been done the Decker's Creek Coal & Coke Company, also.

On both the Morgantown & Kinwood and the Baltimore & Ohio roads there are many slips and traffic has been practically suspended.

OPERATION PERFORMED

Upon Louise Carr for Appendicitis by
Local Physicians.

Louise Carr, step-son of J. L. Martin, was operated upon at the Harrison county hospital last night for appendicitis. The operation was performed by Dr. R. A. Haynes, assisted by Drs. Hood and Sloane. The operation thus far has been successful and, unless unusual complications set in, the patient will recover.

"MR. JOLLY OF JOLIET"

Boadhurst & Currie's big musical comedy, "Mr. Jolly of Joliet," is the latest offering of these popular managers, and from its record up to date, it bids fair to attract many of its older rivals in the race for public approval. The author, Charles Newman, has selected a theme for the story of his play that will interest all people who enjoy the relation of facts and figures of stage life. It tells of a prominent tragedian, who, on account of his waning popularity is obliged to enter a variety business, and, together with his leading lady, become a comic song and dance team. It will be seen at once that there is a great field for interesting and original actors, and the comic treatment of the situation and dialogue by the author has resulted in an extremely clever entertainment. The company is headed by the unique comedian, Edward Garvie, and in addition to a large company of clever performers, it carries a specialty selected chorus of lovely girls. "Mr. Jolly of Joliet" comes to the Grand February 20.